

Grand Canyon Historical Society - Summer Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Social Distancing on Zoom
July 11, 2020 – For AZ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm ST, For UT & NM 11:00 am to 1:00 pm MDT

The Grand Canyon Historical Society celebrates and promotes the study and preservation of the Grand Canyon region's cultural and natural history for the education and enjoyment of its members and the public.

Agenda Items for Discussion and/or Action

1. Call to order and welcome. Dave Mortenson

Attending: Jack, Nikki, Dave, Jill H, Slim, Brian, Dick, Mari, David S, Margaret Hangan (phone),

Guest: Mike & Barbara Nelson, Tom Martin, Kathy Mascaro, Karen Greig, T Sulpozio,

Dave mentioned that due to COVID precautions, this is the 2nd Virtual Meeting we've held.

2. Short discussion on Zoom procedures. Nikki Cooley

Nikki provided some brief updates on how to effectively use Zoom as a group.

3. Consent Agenda Items Dave Mortenson

(See consent item procedures below.)

a. Board of Directors (BOD) virtual meeting minutes Apr 25, 2020.

b. Treasurer's report.

David S asked about minutes from April 25 meeting. Jack said that the minutes are in Google folder but can be worked on by Board offline and approved at next meeting. Jack sent draft minutes to Board for review and comment on July 11th.

Dave asked for comments – none given. Therefore the consent items are passed with exception of April meeting minutes.

4. E-votes taken prior to this meeting: None

5. Executive Committee report – No meetings held. None

6. Report on website for the Grand Canyon midair collision of 1956. Guest Mike Nelson

Dave introduced Mike Nelson.

Mike – introduced himself as a nephew of one of the victims. Wrote a book about the disaster. One of original/founding members of family support group. Gave an update about digital activities including a website. Asking GCHS Board for website funding \$\$ - hosting, maintenance, social media, newsletters, etc. \$350 per year. Brian B mentioned we approve up to \$350 for this years website costs. We have \$1500 in a restricted 1956 air disaster fund.

<https://www.1956gcmidaircollision.com>

Mike gave a synopsis of the disaster: airlines, routes, weather, collision, services afterwards in Flagstaff and at GC, National Historic Landmark, families group.

Working on 3rd edition of the book. Proposed Release date late in 2020. But with COVID, it might be pushed into 2021.

Brian B – motion to release up to \$350 for expenses associated with 1956 website
Second – David S
Vote – all in favor

7. Report on GCHS membership update with Arizona Historical Society Report - Dick Brown

Dick B – we are an affiliate of AZ Hist Soc.
We were approved in mid-June as a tier 2 certified historical institution with AZ Hist Soc.

Dave – we are in consultation with AZ Hist Soc to build the relationship and amplify the work of GCHS.

Tom M asked about grant applications with an eye on helping fund 1956 initiatives.

8. Report on Oral History Program Report – David Schaller& Tom Martin

David S – Report is in Google Drive Meeting folder. Continues. Lots of new interviews. New volunteer transcribers.

Tom M – added that Karen and he chatted about search function being very limited on the website.

Jack - it is a limitation of the website and how the content is added. If it were database-driven rather than simple content, we'd have much more capability. Should be an item for when we redesign the site.

9. Update on 2019 GC History Symposium Proceedings Report Dave Mortenson

Dave mentioned that GCC signed the agreement and mid-August review starts. Printed copies expected late in 2020. Timing may be affected by COVID.

David S – asked for review on process/timeline?

Dave – ALL copy/text/content is with GCC, from Quararoli. Layout being worked on; ready by mid-Aug. Print etc later in 2020. Suggested we have agreement in place ahead of next Symposium so we do not see similar delays in the future.

David S – asked if we can take over the project from GCC to speed the process?

Dave – recommended that we continue to let GCC continue: publisher; retail; etc.. But we can look at it because we do have some expertise/skills as a board and membership.

10. Discussion of preparing to fill Board seats for 2021. Dave Mortenson

a. Governance Committee will fine tune procedures for review/adoption at next Board meeting.

b. Review seats: members for 2nd term or open seats. Jack Pennington

c. Review election process Jack Pennington

d. Time to seek possible candidates that are GCHS members.

Jack P – seats and associated names becoming open are in the Google Drive meeting folder. Will e-mail it to everyone too.

Dave – working with governance committee to look at election procedure and if we have to amend the ByLaws.

Brian B – asked about a matrix of skills for our Board. Do we have one?

11. Summer project for four working committees:

Governance, Communications, Activities & Programs

Dave Mortenson

Dave – develop a matrix of skills through the four committees.

Brian B – concerned about the timing.

Dick B of the Governance Committee said his committee would start to work on a matrix next week.

Jack P – will share the current timing of election with the Governance Committee to help create the Matrix.

David S – asked ByLaws and committee process.

Dave & Brian B – said we voted as a Board to approve the committees at a meeting. But did not discuss the appointment of committee members.

Brian B – reminded us that we agreed that Four committees were to respond with charters, goals, etc for this meeting.

Dave M. - Each committee should have these for our next Board meeting.

12. Other items?

2021 Shoshone Picnic

Dick - 2021 Shoshone Picnic date. 17th July first choice or 24th July second?

Brian B – NPS refunded \$242 of our \$450 2020 fee. Will apply for July 17th 2021.

Dave, Brian, Jack, David S --- show an abundance of caution.

Dick B – motion to reserve July 17 first choice for picnic in 2021. If not available, choose July 24.

Jack – Second

Vote – All in favor. Except David S.

Awards

Brian B – can we recognize the awards to capture them in the minutes?

Dave –

Hall of Fame award – Dan and Terry Tobin and Ron Brown

Pioneer Award – Jason Nez

Website Redesign

Brian B – what about website redesign?

Dave – Communications committee will look at it.

Dates for next two Board meetings:

- Fall Board meeting Date, (Probably virtual) and Time (TBD)

Oct 14th. 19:00 MST/Flagstaff via Zoom.

- Annual Meeting Jan 23, 2021 – Location and Time (TBD)

Adjourn at 11:15 am

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3. At the beginning of the meeting, the board chair asks members if any of the consent agenda items should be moved to the regular discussion items.
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